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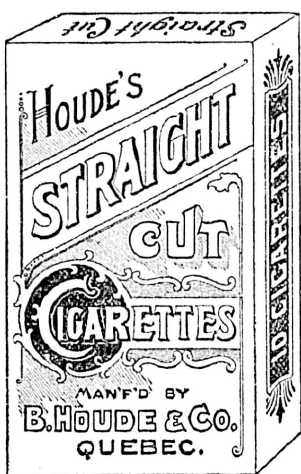
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Sixth Division May Go to Gatacre's Relief With Still Another to Follow.

By Associated Press.

London, Dec. 12.—4:30 a.m.—No further news has been received to remove the mystery overhanging Gen. Gatacre's retreat from Stormberg. He has not yet forwarded the promised message and the censorship has prevented the correspondents from explaining the matter.

While it appears to be generally admitted that Gen. Gatacre is inclined to overwork his men, Lord Durham's remarks are considered as in rather bad taste. Until Gen. Gatacre has given his explanation it is felt that considerable allowance should be made for the extreme difficulty of getting intelligence in a country where the inhabitants are in strong sympathy with the enemy.

Stormberg is described as a stronger position than Laing's Nek. The only road winds through lofty hills and flanking is impossible. Colesberg is also said to be an almost impregnable position, and as no troops are available to reinforce the columns acting in those directions, it becomes evident that Gen. Gatacre's misfortune or error will delay the invasion of the Free State for perhaps some weeks.

It is exceedingly probable he will be compelled to retire on Queenstown and to wait for reinforcements, which can hardly reach him until Sir Charles Warren's division arrives at the Cape. The first detachments sail Saturday next. Even if Gen. French is not compelled to retreat he will be obliged to pause in his advance.

It is announced from Capetown that the Boers have succeeded in repairing the Bloemfontein bridge between Stormberg and Burghersdorp, which the British destroyed on retreating.

Commandant Swanepol, who commanded the Boer forces at Stormberg, has been replaced by a Scotchman named Robertson.

It now seems certain that the seventh division, which is being mobilized at Aldershot, will also be sent to South Africa. No news has yet been received confirming the Boers' capture of 50 prisoners from Lord Methuen's column.

It is just two months since the Transvaal ultimatum was delivered. Nine engagements have been fought, the British have lost 566 killed, 2,027 wounded and 1,977 missing or prisoners.

The war office has issued a notice that after January 1 a deduction will be made from the pay of soldiers serving in South Africa, in the case of privates four pence per day for wives and a penny for each child; and in the case of sergeants eight pence for wives and two pence for each child. These sums have thus far been paid by the government.

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The Canadians Back Methuen.

Ottawa, Dec. 11.—There is now good reason to believe that the Canadian special service battalion is intact once more. A, B, C and D companies first went forward from Orange River, but a telegram from Col. Otter received at the militia department to-day states that the regiment had reached Belmont "all well," implying that the other four companies had gone north.

Toronto, Dec. 11.—The Globe's war correspondent with the Canadians, Frederick Hamilton, wires from Orange River under date December 7:

"Canadians arrived from De Aar at Orange River to-day, Thursday."

The Globe editorially suggests that in view of Gatacre's disaster the Dominion government should renew their offer to send forward a second thousand men, which might now be more acceptable than when previously made, not so much owing to the numerical losses of Gatacre as for the moral effect on the Dutch residents of Cape Colony.

The Finish In Manitoba.

Victorious Conservative Leader Paying Attention to the Reserved Elections.

Greenway Preparing for Exit—Eastern Press on Hugh John's Success.

Special to the Colonist.

Winnipeg, Dec. 11.—There are no further changes to report in the returns from the Manitoba elections. A report that a ballot box was missing in Springfield is unfounded, and as the returning officer arrived at Selkirk this evening and had the return it would not affect the result in the constituency. Hugh John Macdonald and a number of followers leave for Dauphin to-morrow to take part in the election contest there. Voting takes place on Friday, and it will be a close fight. Polling in Gimli is fixed for Thursday.

Hon. Hugh John Macdonald, leader of the opposition, was interviewed to-day as to the course he intended to adopt, but he said that this would be settled by the party in conclave, which would await the development of events. The personnel of the new cabinet had not yet been considered. Mr. Macdonald said that he expected to see a number of protests on both sides, but these would result in the strengthening of the opposition.

Montreal, Dec. 9.—The Star (Conservative) says: "The signal success secured by the Hon. Hugh John Macdonald in the decidedly self-reliant province of Manitoba yesterday will bring him congratulations from all parts of the country, where his plucky fight against great odds involved in the determined and even desperate opposition of the two governments, has challenged genuine admiration. Manitoba has on more than one occasion proven itself a province with a mind of its own."

Ottawa, Dec. 9.—Le Temps (Liberal) commenting on the results of the election says it shows the loyalty of the French-Canadians in Manitoba to Mr. Greenway, with whose settlement of the school question they are perfectly satisfied. It attributes the turn-over to desertion of the government by its former friends and supporters.

Regina, Dec. 9.—Sir Charles Tupper spoke here last evening. An address was presented to him by the Conservative Association attributing the result of the Manitoba elections to his influence, and declaring that he had introduced honest government and vanquished corruption.

In reply, Sir Charles said that Mr. Greenway's defeat started from the time he stooped to a gerrymander in the hope of securing victory. The importance of the Manitoba election was that Ontario would follow suit on the first opportunity. Considering that the government organs in Ottawa and Winnipeg had declared that his presence in Manitoba would ensure Greenway's victory, he was entitled to claim some credit for the result, especially as nine of the ten constituencies he had addressed had returned opposition members.

Buller and Methuen.

British Generals Unmasking Enemy's Position and Two Great Battles at Hand.

Boers Tell of Fifty Prisoners Taken From Methuen But Report Not Confirmed.

Skirmish on Line of Railway Near Point Since Protected By Canadians.

By Associated Press.

Frere Camp, Natal, Dec. 11 (Monday) 7 p.m.—The British cavalry reconnoitred to-day abreast of Colenso and exchanged shots with parties of Boers who fell back across the river. The kopjes were observed to be thickly occupied by the enemy.

The railway bridge at Colenso has been completely destroyed. Two stone piers were blown up last night. The highway bridge is intact.

London, Dec. 11.—The bridge over the Tugela is complete, and a general advance is momentarily expected.

METHUEN FEELS HIS WAY.

Can Get No Reply From Supposed Defences of Spytfontein But Unmasks Another Boer Position.

Modder River, Cape Colony, Dec. 10.—This afternoon the naval gun took up a position north of the camp, while the howitzer battery was posted southeast. Both opened fire with lyddite shells and shrapnel. The Boers replied with a dozen guns, thus unmasking their position. After an hour's fighting the Boer guns were silenced. The explosion of the lyddite caused the whole ground over an extensive area to rise in the air in dense brown clouds. A Boer long gun was dismounted.

It now appears that the Boers intend that the next fight shall take place at Magersfontein. Apparently Spytfontein is undefended or the Boers are unwilling to unmask their position there, as the replies to the British artillery were all from guns at Magersfontein.

THE BOER VERSION.

Pretoria, Dec. 11.—In the fighting at Modder River yesterday evening Gen. Cronje maintained his position and captured 50 British soldiers.

SKIRMISH ON THE LINE.

London, Dec. 11.—The Daily Telegraph's despatch from Modder River, December 5, says:

"A thousand Boers attacked two companies of the Second Northamptonshire Regiment, who had been left to guard the lines of communication at Enslin. Gen. Methuen despatched the Twelfth Lancers and the Sixth North Highlanders, together with the Sixty-Second Field Battery, to their assistance. The enemy withdrew when the reinforcements approached. The cavalry pursued them. The British loss was one killed and six wounded."

"The first train crossed the temporary bridge over the Modder river on Friday."

THE SORTIE PRAISED.

New York, Dec. 11.—The Herald's London cable says news of the destruction of the Boer guns at Ladysmith has created great enthusiasm, and the fact that the correspondent's account of the fighting reached Frere on Saturday is taken to indicate that the Boer investment is not so strict as it has been.

AFRICAN CABLE SILENT.

Montreal, Dec. 11.—The Canadian Pacific Railway Company's Telegraph announces that the cable between San Thomas and London, on the west coast of Africa, has been interrupted. The result of this is that one cable, between Zanzibar and Aden, on the east coast of Africa, is now the only means of communication with South Africa.

THE GERMAN NAVY.

Berlin, Dec. 11.—Count Von Buelow in the reichstag to-day justified the increase in the navy from a political point of view, and declared that the German policy had always maintained an even course between neglecting and overdoing trans-oceanic interests.

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Sorby Scheme and Victoria West Recreation Ground Before the Aldermen.

Another Effort to Secure Indian Reserve for the City-Gratuity to Mr. Sorby.

The dull routine of the usual weekly meeting of the board of aldermen was broken last evening by an interesting discussion on two important subjects—the Sorby harbor scheme and the question of a park for Victoria West. It was decided to proceed with the work of preliminary investigation in the former project and a committee will interview the government in regard to acquiring a portion of the Indian reserve for a park for Victoria West.

Mayor Redfern presided and all the aldermen were present.

A communication was read from the secretary of the board of trade, accompanying copies of the annual report and offering more copies if required.

Another communication from the same source asked the Council to consider the annual grant made to that body by the city. Ald. Beckwith moved that his communication be received and filed and that the incoming council be recommended to make the appropriation. Ald. Stewart seconded the motion which was carried.

R. Seabrook, manager of the Albion Iron Works Company in a letter to the council stated that he had notified the city engineer that his company was not responsible for the condition of the sidewalk on Store street which was complained of, pointing out that this had been rebuilt by the city engineer.

Ald. Humphrey moved that the matter be referred to the city engineer and city solicitor. Ald. Stewart seconded the motion which was carried.

John Earsman and George A. Gardner complained of the condition of Parkinman street. Repairs were badly needed to the box drain which was rotted and the overflow from the drain was a menace to the health of the inhabitants. They strongly urged that sewerage collection be at once made.

George O. Mesher asked permission to construct a cement sidewalk in front of the brick block at the corner of Government and Esplanade streets, under the usual conditions.

Ald. Stewart moved that this matter be referred to the city engineer for report, and considerable discussion ensued. Ald. Stewart explained that the city's share of the expense would be borne in the cost of the curbing.

Ald. Cameron thought that the owners of the new building should be encouraged, and was in favor of the request being granted.

Ald. Kinsman thought the city should acquiesce, as no money would be demanded; and Ald. Williams was in favor of abiding by the provisions of the by-law governing the matter.

Ald. Humphrey seconded Ald. Stewart's motion. It was carried. The committee on harbor improvements recommended the appropriation of \$450 for the purchase of the necessary plant for the carrying out of the boring operations suggested in the Sorby scheme and \$300 to Mr. Sorby for the trouble he had gone to in preparing reports, etc.

Ald. Brydon moved that the report be received and filed, and that the recommendations made therein be adopted. It was, in his opinion, a step in the right direction. The city should proceed to investigate the matter on a business basis. Mr. Sorby had been to great expense in preparing his reports, and was entitled to the amount of remuneration proposed.

Ald. Beckwith seconded the motion. Ald. Humphrey thought there should be a report from the committee who had the matter in charge. He had heard it said that it was only a waste of money to do as was proposed. He did not oppose the grant to Mr. Sorby, but nobody had asked him to do the work. He was opposed to spending money for such a purpose at this time. Personally he thought very little of the value of the whole proposition.

The Mayor explained that the engineer of the harbor commission of Montreal had been consulted in the matter, maps being forwarded to him, and he had recommended that borings be made in only seven or eight places. The expense entailed would be about \$1,000.

The Mayor then turned to the motion. He was not in favor of paying Mr. Sorby one cent. He believed that the majority of the people were opposed to expending one cent on the scheme.

Ald. Hayward thought that actual information as to the merits of the scheme should be obtained, and this could best be done by making the small appropriation asked for. Contrary to general opinion, experts had pronounced the scheme entirely feasible. The estimates as to cost are thought to be very conservative. As for the sum mentioned as an appropriation for Mr. Sorby, it would not be a precedent—only a small gratuity to one who had gone to great personal expense preparing data, reports, etc., on a matter of great civic importance.

Ald. Humphrey thought that \$10,000 would not begin to be enough to get the necessary information as to the condition of the harbor. Personally he was not opposed to the proposed grant of \$300 to Mr. Sorby.

Mayor Redfern explained that one engineer here has offered to do all the work for \$1,700 and the committee believed that all the work could be done for less money.

Ald. Williams said the important question which came up at Ottawa in connection with this matter was: "What had Victoria herself done? We should spend a little in order to show that we were investigating the harbor's capabilities. Though the citizens were not a unit in regard to the merits of the scheme, yet the council should thus far support the committee."

The Mayor reminded the council that \$2,500 was placed in the estimates at the beginning of the year for the purpose of carrying out this investigation.

On the motion being put it was carried. The city electrician reported the need of 1,000 pairs of carbon, and the request was referred to the purchasing agent, with instructions to purchase.

The city engineer reported as follows: Gentlemen: I have the honor to submit the following report for your consideration: Re: crossing across Pandora street, on the east side of Douglas street. The crossing in question is at present in a dangerous condition. I would therefore recommend the damaged concrete between, and at each side of, car track be removed, and wooden

blocks on concrete foundation be substituted. Estimate cost \$21, not including blocks, which are on hand.

Communication from G. C. Mesher, re extension of Stanley avenue surface drain along the south side of Cadboro Bay Road, opposite lot 4, a distance of 140 feet, in a southwesterly direction. After due examination of the above locality, I find in order to get sufficient grade to drain the proposed property it will be necessary either to fill in the lane or use iron pipe on the surface. I would respectfully recommend this extension be constructed at an early date. Estimate cost, including rock, but exclusive of pipe, which is on hand, \$145.

Re petition from J. E. Wilson and others, asking to have the sewer on Douglas street extended. Although this is in accordance with the system, it would be an expensive extension. I would therefore recommend (providing the petitioners are satisfied) extending sewer further up the lane, at the rear of the school grounds, the estimated cost of which can be obtained when sewer funds are available.

Communication from Mr. W. Hodges, re drain on Oscar street: Upon examination, it is found the proper outlet for the above drain would be in a westerly direction, but as Oscar street is not opened through, the drain would empty into farm lands. In order to drain easterly it would be necessary to construct at least 650 feet of box and continue same down Moss street. I may say I would recommend the latter proposal be adopted when funds are available. Estimate cost \$150.

Re drainage on Lydia street: The present open ditch has no outlet whatever, and after consideration would recommend a permanent construction at least 650 feet of box and sewer, thereby giving relief to the property owners thereon. Estimate cost \$85.

Re drain excavated by B. C. Electric Ry. Co. on Pandora avenue: I may say said company are at the present time having the same put in proper condition.

Re complaint against E. J. Holmes asking for sidewalk on Putnam street, between Chambers street and Fernwood Road: As this portion of street is not graded, and as all the fences are more or less encroaching on the street, I cannot recommend that a sidewalk be laid at the present time.

The city engineer reports and recommends the following sidewalks be renewed: Johnson street, north side, from Cassin street westerly, 246 feet by 6 feet. Estimate cost \$52.

Churchway, south side, from Humboldt street easterly, distance 300 feet by 6 feet. Estimate cost \$65.

I have the honor to be, gentlemen, Your obedient servant,

C. H. TOIT,
City Engineer.

The report was ordered laid upon the table, the sidewalk improvements on Pandora street to be made at once.

Samuel Clay and others on Johnson street petitioned the council for a light on that thoroughfare. Referred to city engineer for report.

The special committee reported as follows:

Gentlemen: Your special committee having considered the grievances of Mr. M. Bakes in being classed as a wholesale dealer and charged \$100 license, we find he is doing a small wholesale business, and we think it is very unjust that he should be charged such a high license. According to the by-law we have no power to adjust the matter, and we would therefore recommend as the only remedy that the wholesale license be done away with and that the question of trade licenses be taken up at an early date, with the object of obtaining power from the legislature to arrange the whole matter on a fair and equitable basis.

The report was adopted.

The finance committee reported as follows: Gentlemen: Your finance committee having considered the memorial and petition of Mr. Bakes, and the recommendations of the committee, we find that the application of L. R. Gray for assistance towards a monument in the city of Toronto be not entertained. We would recommend, however, that the sum of fifty dollars be appropriated for repairing the fences at the old cemetery on Quadra street.

With regard to the application of the society of the Society for the Protection of Animals for a small grant in aid, based on the fact that the fines imposed had been received by the city, and to which by statute the society is entitled to one-half, have to state that during the last five years the sum of \$161.25 had been received from this source. We therefore recommend that the sum of fifty dollars be appropriated for this purpose.

We also recommend for payment the account from the Mining Record of \$100 for advertising the city in their Christmas number.

We also recommend that the sum of \$475 be placed at the disposal of the water commissioner for placing a water main on Leighton and Broughton streets.

The appropriation of \$450 for extension of water works recommended by the water commissioner was opposed by several of the aldermen, who objected to the work being undertaken until the probable revenue had been ascertained. This clause was left out, and the report as amended was adopted.

The finance committee reported expenditures of \$650 for the week. Adopted.

Then came up the question of a park for Victoria West. Ald. Brydon moving and Ald. Beckwith seconded the following resolution:

"Whereas there is no public park or recreation ground in the northern and western parts of the city, it is desirable that a portion of land should be acquired for that purpose:

"And whereas a portion of the Indian reserve north of the Point Ellice bridge is admirably suited for the purpose of a park:

"Be it therefore resolved that the Dominion and Provincial governments be requested, when the Indian reserve question is settled, to set aside and convey to the city of Victoria in trust for a public park that portion of the Indian reserve north of Point Ellice bridge, and on the east side of the harbor, colored green on the accompanying plan, and containing about 35 or 36 acres;

"And that copies of this resolution be forwarded to the honorable the minister of the interior of the Dominion of Canada, and to the British Columbia senators and members of the Dominion parliament; also to the honorable the Premier and the honorable the chief commissioner of the lands and works of the province of British Columbia; and to the Victoria members of the legislative assembly."

A spirited and lengthy discussion ensued on this resolution. Ald. Hayward pointed out that at the conference with representatives of Victoria West it was shown that the residents there wanted the small portion of the Indian reserve immediately available. This could be obtained for a small sum. He moved to amend the resolution so that it should read as follows:

Therefore be it resolved that a special committee be appointed with power to arrange with Indians in possession of certain suitable land in the Indian reserve to the north of Point Ellice bridge, for a lease of the said premises at a fair rental subject of course to the approval of the Indian department; and he further resolved that the Dominion and Provincial governments be urgently requested to set aside and convey to the city of Victoria the whole of the unsold portion of the Songhees Indian reserve on such terms as may be deemed fair and equitable,

having regard to the losses and injuries sustained during many years by the city by reason of the close proximity of these Indians and the cost and charges that have unavoidably been connected therewith.

Ald. Hayward thought that if this were done they would be killing two birds with one stone—get a park and open up the whole question of acquiring the Indian reservation. Anyway, this was from the city would start negotiations.

Ald. MacGregor seconded the amendment. This plan would meet the immediate requirements of the people of Victoria West. What the people want there is a recreation ground immediately available. But of course afterwards an endeavor should be made to get the whole of the reserve for the city.

The Mayor pointed out that the passage of the original resolution would not prevent the accomplishment of what Ald. Hayward desired.

Ald. Williams was in favor of the city asking for all the reserve. There was, he believed, no city in the Dominion having a reserve as large as Victoria by having an Indian reserve in the corporate limits. We should ask for the whole thing and compensation, too.

Ald. Humphrey moved an amendment that a committee be appointed to interview the minister of the interior, Mr. Sifton, and the provincial government and urge that the question be settled at once.

The Mayor explained that if a lease can be arranged for with the Indian department there would be no difficulty.

Ald. Humphrey insisted that there should be a committee appointed such as he had suggested. It was no use asking for the whole thing—something they could not get—it was ridiculous.

Ald. Beckwith did not like either the resolution or the two amendments. They were too strong enough. The time had come when the city should take the matter up and see it settled. The matter had not yet been earnestly dealt with, he did not know why. It was an outrage to the city that the reserve should remain there.

We must get it removed, and say we want it settled. There is danger in leasing or renting—that is only putting off a final settlement. The city must raise a strenuous kick.

Ald. Kinsman said the people of Victoria West wanted a portion of the reserve for the park and should get it. If we get all the reserve so much the better. An effort should be made to comply with the wishes of the people of Victoria West.

Ald. Cameron was of the opinion that the council should interview Mr. Sifton, who would be here in a few days, and urge the question upon him. Let the lease question stand over; it was not a good proposition to buy a portion of the reserve.

Ald. Brydon was in favor of the original motion.

Ald. Stewart was in favor of going after both the local and federal governments and insisting on a final settlement of the matter.

Ald. Hayward corrected the impression that existed that when the reserve was vacated by the Indians it would become the property of the city. Nothing of the kind; it would revert to the crown. We should make a vigorous attack on the government and endeavor to get it all. He thought that the best interests of the city would be conserved by passing the amendment he had proposed.

Ald. Hayward's amendment being put it was lost on a tie vote as follows: For—Ald. Hayward, MacGregor, Humphrey, Williams and Kinsman (5); against—Cameron, Stewart, Beckwith, Brydon and the Mayor (5).

Ald. Humphrey pointed out the inconsistency of the course the aldermen were pursuing—asking for a portion and then throwing out a motion calling for all of the reserve. He hoped the council would consider the matter well.

The original resolution, after being amended in accordance with Ald. Humphrey's suggestion re the appointment of a committee was finally passed, the committee being Ald. Humphrey, Stewart and Brydon.

Ald. Cameron wanted to know if the legislative committee had been making any progress. They should be getting to work if they intend doing anything.

Ald. Williams said the committee would meet during the coming week. Several other matters of minor importance being disposed of the council adjourned.

THE CAPTIVE BOERS.

British Consent to Give Their Government a List and Other Desired Information.

Washington, Dec. 11.—Upon the application of the South African republics through the medium of the Netherlands government, the British government has consented to supply the Boers with lists of the Boer prisoners held by the British and with other proper information as to their condition. The British government has intimated in addition that it expects that the Boer government will reciprocate when called upon.

BUSINESS MEN'S EXCURSION.

Yesterday Given to Rossland—Presentations to Organizers and Congratulations to C. P. R.

Rossland, Dec. 11.—(Special)—The business men who came from Victoria, Vancouver and Nelson as guests of the C. P. R. were today guests of the people of Rossland. The morning was spent in inspecting the War Eagle, Centre Star and Le Roi mines, and at 3 this afternoon the visitors were entertained at luncheon by the people of Rossland. Mayor Goodwin in the chair and on either side L. G. McQuade and Fred. Buscombe, respectively vice-presidents of the Victoria and Vancouver boards of trade, Senator Reid, Thomas Esler, M. P., and ex-Lieutenant-Governor Mackenzie, followed by the mayor.

Mr. T. Mayne Daly, on behalf of all the excursionists, presented a diamond pin to John G. Sullivan, assistant engineer of the Columbia & Western; a chafing dish to Mr. Gaudin, assistant superintendent of the Columbia & Western; and also, on behalf of the Rossland contingent a silver toilet set to A. B. Mackenzie, city agent.

On the way home a presentation was made to Allan Cameron by the Coast contingent, and to F. W. Peters by the Nelson people. During the afternoon Mr. Drewry, manager of the Sun-set mine, announced that a big strike has been made, proving the richness of the south lead. The party left at 6 for Nelson on the way home.

This evening the excursionists sent a telegram to President Shaughnessy as follows: "On behalf of the business men of the Pacific Coast and Kootenay districts, who have been enjoying the hospitality of the C. P. R., we desire to express our sincere thanks for the very great kindness and attention shown us during our excursion. The opening of the rich Boundary district marks an era in the commercial advancement of British Columbia, and we are satisfied that this excursion will be productive of much good to all concerned."

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AFFAIRS OF THE DOMINION.

Close Contest in Calgary—Mounted Policemen's Boys Burned—Move for Prohibition of Cigarettes

MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS.

Winnipeg, Dec. 11.—W. H. Cushing was elected mayor of Calgary to-day by 25 majority.

The civic elections take place in Winnipeg to-morrow. The contest is the quietest in years.

A LOST ENGLISHMAN.

Winnipeg, Dec. 11.—Some alarm is felt here over the mysterious disappearance of a young Englishman named A. F. Downing, who arrived in Winnipeg on November 28 and has since been missing.

LITTLE BOYS BURNED.

Winnipeg, Dec. 11.—At Regina this morning fire destroyed the residence of Constable Saunders, near the Mounted Police barracks. Mrs. Saunders and a baby in arms escaped, but her three little boys were burned to death.

FROM A BANK'S WRECK.

Winnipeg, Dec. 11.—The liquidators of the Commercial Bank of Manitoba have issued checks to shareholders for a third dividend, making a total of \$16 per share returned to shareholders to date.

C. P. R. TRAFFIC.

Montreal, Dec. 11.—The traffic receipts of the C. P. R. for the week ending December 7 were \$288,000, for the same week last year, \$291,000.

RUSHING A JUDGESHIP.

Ottawa, Dec. 11.—Judge Robinson, of Lambton, Ont., has resigned on account of ill-health. It is understood that at Saturday's cabinet meeting D. F. Mac-watt, barrister, of Barrie, was appointed in his place.

TO PROHIBIT CIGARETTES.

Kingston, Dec. 11.—The Kingston W. C. T. U. has passed a resolution urging the Dominion government to prohibit the sale, manufacture and importation of cigarettes. The resolution has been handed to Mr. Brown, M. P., to bring before the government.

A DOCTOR'S MISHAP.

Woodstock, Dec. 11.—Dr. W. W. Hold-coat, of Woodstock, is not expected to live, as the result of falling off a train near here on Saturday.

QUITE A THEFT.

Montreal, Dec. 11.—F. Lemieux, accountant of the defunct Banque Ville Marie, was arrested this evening on a charge of stealing \$175,000 from the funds of the institution.

SCOTSMAN PASSENGERS SUB.

Montreal, Dec. 11.—A number of members of the "Sisters of the Cross" company and other passengers by the wrecked steamer Scotsman have instituted actions against the Dominion Line for compensation for loss of effects as well as for damages.

RULES FOR LITTLE YACHTS.

Montreal, Dec. 11.—The agreement made between the Royal St. Lawrence and the White Bear yacht clubs has been sent back for the signature of the St. Lawrence club, the White Bear people agreeing to all the suggestions made. The articles of agreement call for some conditions which will give new designers something to think about and put some difficulty in the way of freak construction.

NOTES FROM CAPITAL.

Manitoba Catholics Must Rely on Private Teaching—Contract for Cavalry Saddles.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Ottawa, Dec. 11.—Requiem mass was chanted at St. Joseph's church yesterday for the repose of the soul of the late Private Deslauriers of the Canadian contingent, who died on the Sardinian.

Archbishop Langevin, preaching here yesterday to a large congregation said the education of Manitoba is an industrial and dependence must be placed on religious institutions to educate the Catholic children in the faith.

Militia officials say the placing of an order for 600 saddles for cavalry with a Toronto firm has no special significance.

TART'S WHOPPER.

Far Fetched Excuse for Defeat of His Friends in Manitoba.

Montreal, Dec. 11.—La Patrie, Mr. Tarte's organ, attributes the defeat of the Greenway government largely to the action of Joseph Martin, who was originator of the Manitoba school law, which furnished the Tory party with capital to make a religious issue at the recent elections.

THE PEOPLE'S JIMMY.

Montreal, Dec. 11.—Hon. James McShane, popularly called "the people's Jimmy," who has filled the majority on two previous occasions, is mentioned as a likely candidate to oppose Mayor Proulx at the next civic election on February 12.

DIED.

LOBB—At the Provincial Royal Jubilee Hospital, on the 11th inst., William Archibald, contractor, son of Mr. W. H. Lobbs, of 11, M. Bayard, Esquimalt, aged 22 years.

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Finance and Commerce

STOCKS IN NEW YORK.

New York, Dec. 11.—A general decline in the prices of stocks as a result of the day's trading would give but a faint conception of the violent vicissitudes through which the market went during the day. The closing was as follows:

Am. Tobacco	102	102
Am. Cotton	39 3/4	39 3/4
A. T. & S. F. all paid	21 1/2	21 1/2
B. & S. T. Co.	54 1/2	54 1/2
C. S. T. Co.	52	52
C. & O. T. Co.	29 1/2	29 1/2
C. B. & Q. T. Co.	12 1/2	12 1/2
Chicago Gas	107 1/2	107 1/2
C. & N. W. T. Co.	103	103
O. R. I. & P. T. Co.	110 1/2	110 1/2
C. M. & S. T. Co.	112 1/2	112 1/2
Cont. Tobacco	186	186
Con. Gas, N. Y.	45	45
Col. Fuel and Iron	45	45
C. C. & S. T. L. Co.	119 1/2	119 1/2
D. & H. T. Co.	119 1/2	119 1/2
D. & R. G. pfd.	123 1/2	123 1/2
Fed. Steel	123 1/2	123 1/2
Gen. Elec.	116	116
J. C. T. Co.	20	20
L. E. & W. T. Co.	81 1/2	81 1/2
L. & N. T. Co.	100 1/2	100 1/2
Man. Elev.	100 1/2	100 1/2
Mo. Pac.	45	45
Met. Traction	45	45
Nat. Lead	186	186
N. Y. C. & H. T. Co.	74 1/2	74 1/2
N. Y. C. & H. T. Co.	131 1/2	131 1/2
N. Y. L. E. & W. T. Co.	12 1/2	12 1/2
N. Y. O. & W. T. Co.	23 1/2	23 1/2
Pac. Mail	41 1/2	41 1/2
P. & R. all paid	182 1/2	182 1/2
Pullman	117 1/2	117 1/2
Southern Ry. com.	91 1/2	91 1/2
T. C. & L. T. Co.	113 1/2	113 1/2
U. S. Leather	41 1/2	41 1/2
U. S. Rubber	41 1/2	41 1/2
U. P. com.	42 1/2	42 1/2
Wabash	7 1/2	7 1/2
W. U. Tel.	90 1/2	90 1/2
C. P. R. in London	187 1/2	187 1/2
Cable in Montreal	187 1/2	187 1/2
Copper dull; brokers 17 1/2. Exchange 17 1/2.		
Lead steady. Tin very weak; plates steady. Spelter weak. Rosin steady; strained common to good \$1.45. Turpentine quiet. Pig iron dull; Southern \$19.50-24.		

PRODUCE AT CHICAGO.

Chicago, Dec. 11.—Wheat closed—Dec. 65 1/2c, May 69 1/2c. Corn—Dec. 30 1/2c, Jan. 30 1/2c, May 32 1/2c. Oats—Dec. 22 1/2c, May 24 1/2c.

Eastern Share Markets.

Chicago, Dec. 11.—The following quotations ruled on the Board of Trade:

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Wheat—	70 1/2	70 3/4	69 3/4	69 3/4
July—	70 1/2	70 3/4	69 3/4	69 3/4
May—	70 1/2	70 3/4	69 3/4	69 3/4
Corn—	33 1/2	33 3/4	32 3/4	32 3/4
July—	33 1/2	33 3/4	32 3/4	32 3/4
May—	33 1/2	33 3/4	32 3/4	32 3/4
Oats—	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2
July—	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2
May—	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2

NEW YORK DEC. 11.—The following quotations ruled on the Stock Exchange:

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Am. Sugar	133	138	133	138
C. B. & Q. T. Co.	121 1/2	121 1/2	120 1/2	120 1/2
C. M. & S. T. Co.	121 1/2	121 1/2	120 1/2	120 1/2
Manhattan	100 1/2	101 1/2	99 1/2	101 1/2
People's Gas	107 1/2	108 1/2	107 1/2	108 1/2
C. & O. T. Co.	110 1/2	111 1/2	110 1/2	111 1/2
Am. Tobacco	100	102 1/2	97 1/2	102 1/2
A. T. & S. F. pfd.	63 1/2	63 1/2	63 1/2	63 1/2
U. P. pfd.	73 1/2	74 1/2	73 1/2	74 1/2
T. C. & L. T. Co.	97	97 1/2	96 1/2	97 1/2
A. T. & S. F. com.	48 1/2	48 1/2	48 1/2	48 1/2
B. R. T. Co.	70 1/2	70 1/2	70 1/2	70 1/2
A. S. W. Co.	55 1/2	56 1/2	55 1/2	56 1/2
C. S. T. Co.	48 1/2	48 1/2	48 1/2	48 1/2
Fed. Steel com.	55 1/2	55 1/2	53 1/2	55 1/2
Money loaning at 6 per cent.				
American Sugar 10-day, 3 per cent.				

GATACRE'S MISADVENTURE.

Witnesses Say He Is the Wrong Man For the Command—Comments of the Press.

Pretoria, Dec. 11.—Six hundred and two British prisoners were taken at Stormberg.

London, Dec. 11.—The feeling in London to-day over the disaster in South Africa is expressed in the following paragraph from the Daily Mail: "Apart from the loss of 600 men, the unexpected Boer success may cause a more serious disaffection among the Cape Dutch. The government should at once despatch more troops."

The Daily News says: "Gen. Gatacre's reverse is a sad commentary on the difficulty of military operations in a semi-disaffected country. The enemy's spies are everywhere, and there is much reason to fear that our equipment is inadequate and our scouting insufficient. Of course, he will be immediately reinforced."

The Standard says: "The event is in the highest degree deplorable, and will militate much against our success in the colony, especially in the northern and western portion of it, already honey-combed by disaffection."

The Pall Mall Gazette remarks: "The country's calm will again surprise the Continent. If the blow is more serious than it appears, neither the crown nor the ministry will be in danger of even a single seditious vilifying howl in the street. We have confidence in those who are fighting for us and in their directors."

At a luncheon to-day Lord Durham, formerly a lieutenant in the Coldstream Guards, said that Gen. Gatacre overworked his troops in the Soudan, and was not fit to have command in South Africa. He also blamed the war office for the disaster in the attack on Stormberg, as the officials know the opinions of the officers who had served under Gen. Gatacre.

BEARDING THE COURT.

Witnesses Before the French Senate Make Uproar and Get Off Lightly.

Paris, Dec. 11.—The Senate, sitting as a high court, to-day resumed the hearing of witnesses in the case of the Antell disturbances. The Count de Dion insisted upon making a speech before taking oath to which M. Fallieres, president of the court, objected. The Count was finally ejected amidst uproar. MM. Caillaud and Deric, two of the prisoners, were particularly noisy and vituperative. M. Fallieres, the public prosecutor, demanded their expulsion, and the sitting was suspended. On resuming the hearing, M. Fallieres read a decision sentencing M. Caillaud to three months' imprisonment and excluding him from the court for a week, and excluding M. Deric for two days.

CANADIAN STEAMER LOST.

Montreal, Dec. 11.—The Elder-Dempster line, Morrish, 47 days out, has been posted as lost by Lloyd's.

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VANCOUVER NEWS NOTES.

The Reduction in Fire Insurance—Another Trading Stamp Company—Serious Runaway Accident.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Vancouver, Dec. 11.—Mr. Davenport, an insurance expert, has finished an inspection of the fire apparatus here and proceeded to New Westminster. Besides a 10 to 20 per cent. reduction on dwellings, the inspector is preparing for a reduction on frame stores.

The People's Trading Stamp Co. is being organized and will be the third in the field here.

W. Stannard, a member of No. 3 Company, aged 50, died to-day. He will have a military funeral.

From the effects of a serious runaway George Dalton may die.

A VANCOUVER DOG STORY.

With American Consul as Its Author and Illustrating National Patriotism.

From our Own Correspondent.

Vancouver, Dec. 11.—Col. Dudley, the American consul at Vancouver, is a great lover of dogs, and he has bred some of the most famous St. Bernards on the American continent. Peggy Washington, a magnificent female St. Bernard, weighing in the neighborhood of 200 pounds, is Consul Dudley's greatest pet and the constant companion of his estimable wife. On Consul Dudley being asked if Peggy had a family he said: "Yes, one family, and on the fourth of July last, too. That was a strange coincidence, but after all, great events in history have a way of happening on similar dates very often. Peggy had thirteen puppies, and on account of their natal day being the same as that of the United States of America, I christened them as follows: George Washington, Martha Washington, General Jackson, Abe Lincoln, John Adams, Abigail Adams, Jim Blaine, Thomas Jefferson, General Lee, General Grant and Major McKinley. Another was named after the originator of the American flag, Betsy Ross. All of the puppies have sold for great sums. Their sire was a half-brother of the British imported \$7,000 dog, Sir Belvidere.

AN ENORMOUS SALE.

To all who have felt the evil effects of drugged kidneys it is interesting to know that Dr. A. W. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills have been successful in this district. Backaches and aching kidneys are fast becoming a thing of the past where Dr. A. W. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills are known. One cent a dose, 25 cents a box, at all dealers.

TREASURER'S TAX SALE.

Many Properties Redeemed at the Last Moment—One Lot Boomed for Millions.

\$605,200,000.00 per acre for residential property—more than \$100,000,000.00 for a town lot of the ordinary size! Surely this is about the highest quotation on reality that has yet been officially put forward!

At this rate, dirt is dearer than diamonds, and instead of working and worrying over the coming of the tax collector, property owners should be able to get along very nicely by simply taking an occasional pill-box full of real estate, and transferring it to current account at the bank.

It is not London, or Paris, or New York that boasts the possession of residential property listed as worth a hundred millions per lot. Victoria enjoys the new distinction, and if the valuation were only general throughout the city, this city would be able to present more millionaires than all the countries of Europe could supply titles for.

And after all, the actual offer to purchase property at this valuation, made at the annual tax sale yesterday, was respectfully declined by the city treasurer, acting as municipal auctioneer—so that it is evident that the city and its servants have perfect confidence in the solidity and magnificent future of the town.

What's a mere hundred million, anyway, for a really desirable residential lot on such a thoroughfare as Richardson street, with a crystal spring of water near at hand, and the park only three or four blocks away?

To be strictly accurate, however, the many millions were not offered for the lot in its entirety—it was the 1-4000 part of an inch that the bidder proposed to formally acquire, at a price in proportion to the figures cited for the whole.

And City Treasurer Kent refused the bid!

Fractional inches have been heard of before at city tax sales and very minute pieces of land have been gravely disposed of with watered consideration, more so, however, than could be his way, however, to parting with so minute a portion of land as the four-thousandth part of an inch—it would not be large enough for a respectable sized ant to turn round in, much less build for residential purposes; and besides the survey might involve too much additional labor on the busy staff of the engineer's office.

So the big sale at the big figure did not go through.

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Ragged and hungry from shipwreck, may be;

In whatever duty or station in line;

To him 'tis all one—'Britannia's sons of the sea'.

In frolic, the vanguard you'll sure find him

At sparkling the maidens with him none can compare;

Nor is he behind when the boatswain's shrill call,

"Stand by the balliards!" or the "Life boats!" strong fall.

No more our soldiers alone on shore fight our foes—

A brigade of Jack Tars have to share in their work.

Victoria! Their Queen! you need say no more.

As ready to dance as to shoot a Dutch Boer—

Lady Smith tells how they ogle their sights,

Bringing death and destruction, way Boers do not like;

Responding with cheers, when ordered "Advance!"

Intrepid and swift, sights the foe at a glance,

Give him but the chance, and the sequel will tell;

Among the ranks of the foe, there, will burst his live shell.

Death—should it come to him—'Tis an honor to die—

"Empire and Freedom!" his last battle cry.

—THOMAS HARMAN.

December 12, 1899.

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THE WAR.

There can be no object in minimizing the reverse experienced by Gatacre. It is a serious matter, not so much because of the loss of men, for most of these are apparently prisoners and will therefore be ultimately restored, but by reason of the effect upon the morale of his column and upon the Cape Colony Boers. He walked into a trap, but why he should have done so is not explained even by the statement that he was misled by spies. He has vastly misused the difficulty of his task, and unless he has some very much better excuse to offer than he has given, or very speedily retrieves his error by some conspicuous success, public opinion will demand his replacement by another commander.

The news from Methuen's column is meagre but satisfactory. He has had trains running across the Modder river since Friday, thus restoring communication between the Cape and the vicinity of Kimberley. The wonderful work done by the Lyddite shells from the howitzers shows that these guns are likely to make a material difference in future battles.

The despatch announcing the completion of the bridge at the Tugela river and stating that an advance is momentarily expected was a surprise and is not reconcilable with former despatches, which represented the Boers as being in force at Colenso and prepared to dispute the passage of the river. If it is true, the Boer campaign in Natal is on the eve of collapse.

SIR CHARLES TUPPER'S VISIT.

The Conservative leader will shortly visit British Columbia, and will address public meetings in several places. He could find no part of Canada where the party is more in the ascendant than here. If a general election is held in British Columbia in the near future the six British Columbia seats will unquestionably go Conservative. This is due to several causes. One of them is the gross manner in which the vital interests of this province have been neglected by the Laurier government. Another is that our people thoroughly understand the manner in which the affairs of the Yukon were mismanaged. Another is the general disappointment which the people of Canada feel at the result of three years of Liberal rule. Another is the belief of the great majority that it is to the Conservative party that Canada must look for a policy that will advance the material interests of the country. The personal issues, which seem to carry such weight in the East, are scarcely considered here at all. To the majority of the people of British Columbia a Conservative government at Ottawa means a progressive and national policy. Hence they are prepared to do all that in them lies to replace the present ministry by one of Conservatives.

Another reason for the strength of the Conservative party in this province is to be found in the divided counsels which have prevailed in the Liberal ranks. The two sections of that party have been as much opposed to each other as to the Conservatives.

The great victory in Manitoba has had a profound effect on this province. There may be some danger of its begetting a feeling of over-confidence, and this must be guarded against by keeping up the work of organization. We are all right now. The only thing to do is to keep right. The visit of Sir Charles Tupper, coming as he does fresh from his successful work in the Prairie Province, will be very timely. He will be able to present in salient form the chief issues of federal politics as they are regarded from the Conservative point of view, and we suppose will indicate the lines upon which the next federal campaign will be fought. He will receive a cordial welcome.

A public meeting is called for Saturday evening in the Victoria Theatre, to be addressed by the Conservative leader. It is needless to express a hope that the attendance will be worthy of the occasion.

THE CHIEF OF POLICE.

Chief of Police Sheppard will retire from office in the course of a few weeks. He has been twenty-three years in the service of the city, at a salary that has not averaged \$100 a month. He is advanced in years and can hardly hope successfully to embark in any new line of work. That he has not been able to save enough out of his pay to live upon is what every one would expect. That he should be sent adrift in his old age without any resources would be unjust. No man who has worked for his fellow-citizens for nearly a quarter of a century ought to be dismissed in his old age without some provision being made for him.

During the years that he has been at the head of the police department, Mr. Sheppard has, in addition to his other duties, acted as Chinook interpreter and in many cases as prosecuting officer. In these capacities he has saved the citizens a good deal of money. This year there have been nearly a hundred cases in which he has acted as interpreter. When he is unable to act the fee to an interpreter is \$2.50, which is certainly not unreasonable. After he retires from the position the city will be to the ex-

pense of from \$200 to \$300 a year to pay for an interpreter, unless the incoming chief happens to be able and willing to speak Chinook. It is very desirable that some one should be on hand to prosecute minor criminal matters, and this is a line of work in which Mr. Sheppard has had experience and for which he is well qualified. The suggestion has been made that the city should employ him as interpreter and prosecutor at a salary of \$600 a year. We believe he would give good service in the capacities mentioned, and the proposed remuneration is certainly not excessive. The public generally will, we are satisfied, look with approval upon an arrangement of that kind.

THE SONGHEES RESERVE.

Alderman Hayward has sounded the true note in regard to the Songhees reserve. The property should be transferred to the city, after the Indian title has been extinguished. Its only value is derived from the fact that it is to all intents and purposes within the city limits. In one way and another it has been a source of considerable expense to the taxpayers of Victoria, who have never derived any revenue from it. Its existence has been a drawback to the city. We do not suggest, nor do we understand Alderman Hayward to propose, that the province shall bear the expense of providing the Indians with a new reservation, and then turn the property in question over to the city. The idea is that the city shall assume the expense and take the property. The investment would be a good one, and the sale of lots would at a very early day reimburse the city for the outlay and yield a handsome profit. There is no good reason why the province should make this profit. The streets which the taxpayers of Victoria have paid for in the vicinity of the reserve, the lights that are maintained, the fire protection which they keep up, all go to enhance the value of the reserve as a marketable property. Why should the benefit of this enhanced value enure to the advantage of the people of the province generally? We are unable to see any reason. We think Alderman Hayward's proposition will meet with the hearty endorsement of the citizens.

HIGHER PRICES.

An era of advancing prices has begun in the United States, though it does not appear as yet to have extended to the labor market. Unless there is a change, however, the increase will certainly extend to wages. "Food staples," says the Boston Herald, "are high, beef and hogs particularly; coal has abnormally advanced; oil is higher by some cents a gallon than it has ever been; leather goods are advancing; many farm products are high, as are dairy products." Sea-going freights have advanced fully 20 per cent., chiefly because of the demand for tonnage occasioned by the military operations in South Africa. It is not a matter of surprise to learn under these circumstances that already in some lines of industry considerable unrest is manifest and strikes are threatened in order to bring wages up to the level of staple articles of living.

The most remarkable advance of all is in connection with lumber. Careful observers have seen this for some time that lumber was certain to be very much higher in the United States before the end of the century than it has ever been. This is due to several causes. One is the exhaustion of the sources of supply; another is the increased demand due to a larger population; and a third is the multiplication of the uses to which wood is put. Thus pulp for paper making now makes a great demand upon the supply of wood. The growing scarcity of suitable lumber has already caused an advance of from 10 to 12 per cent. in the retail prices of furniture, and the cost of paper is steadily becoming higher. The manufacturers of cardboard met about two weeks ago and decided to advance the price of all board 10 per cent. The demand for pulp can only be said to have just begun. Mr. S. C. Phillips, who is arranging for the visit of sixty paper manufacturers to the Dominion next year, is quoted by the Boston Herald as saying: "Canada is destined to become through its illimitable tracts of spruce and other woods not only the foremost wood pulp making nation, but the paper manufacturer of the world—more particularly for the lower grades such as newspaper." The advancing cost of paper is expected soon to have its effect upon the publication of the great cheap blanket newspapers of the United States. The enormously augmented sales of the British newspapers due to the South African war has contributed to make paper higher. Indeed a paper famine is among the possibilities of the future unless the output of the mills can be greatly enlarged.

The price of lumber is seriously affecting building operations in the Eastern States, but it is an ill wind that blows nobody any good, and so we learn that the lumbering operations in the Maritime Provinces are being greatly enlarged to meet the demand. Up to a few years ago that part of Canada depended almost altogether upon the British market for the sale of its wood products; but now the whole tier of Eastern States buys all the Canadian lumber available.

The gain in prices extends to all varieties of lumber used in building or furniture making, the shortage in every line being great. Few of the wholesalers have anything like a full supply on hand, and the mills are reported as short of logs. Therefore those on the inside of the trade look for a further advance before next year's supply is available, and when that does come in, the postponed building operations will probably prevent a relapse to anything approaching the old figures. This is a matter of very great importance to the Pacific Coast where the largest available supply

of lumber in America is now to be found. The effect will be felt first by the State of Washington, and will undoubtedly lead to the establishment of great lumber plants in different parts of that state and notably in what is called the Olympic Peninsula, that is the portion of the state seen across the Straits from Victoria and extending south to the Columbia river.

Iron is also going up in price. Builders' and shelf hardware has gone up 45 per cent in price, and the large manufacturers of material used in the construction of iron buildings have notified their agents not to accept orders for delivery under six months. There never was a time when the demand for iron in the United States was anything like it is at present.

Leather is steadily rising. The grade used for belting has advanced 4 cents a pound in two months, and oak-tanned leather used in making boots and shoes has advanced 2 cents. The sales of boots and shoes shows an immense gain, indicating that a further advance in price must be looked for.

Beef has advanced, and the prospect is that the price will remain up; pork is advancing partly in sympathy with beef, and partly because Germany is beginning to buy it more freely in America. Here also the South African war has its effect, and is greatly hardening the meat market. Eggs are exceptionally high, partly because of the increased demand of the British market and partly because the

late autumn proved a very bad one for egg production. Cheese and butter are steadily advancing, the latter especially. This upward tendency is marked in all lines of staple food goods, coffee, for example, showing a marked advance. Coal is \$1.00 more a ton than it was a year ago, and the prospects for a further rise are good. There is also an advance in dress fabrics, but it is not so pronounced as in other lines. Taken on the whole the market for products of all kinds is very much better than it was this time last year, with indications that before another year has passed, something like famine prices may be attained by certain kinds of goods. So far the effect of this is confined chiefly to the United States, but it is inevitable that it will be felt in the Dominion at a very early day.

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Krugger issues his ultimatum.
Troops from India arrive at Ladysmith.
Laing's Nek occupied by the Boers.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 11—
Orange Free State troops enter Natal.

THURSDAY, OCT. 12—
War formally declared by the Transvaal.

FRIDAY, OCT. 13—
Gen. Heoch with Boer force occupies Bothas Pass.
Capt. Nesbitt's armored train captured by the Boers.
Col. Fitz Clarence checks Boer advance near Mafeking.

SATURDAY, OCT. 14—
Mafeking invested by the Boers.
Fighting near Mafeking and Spitzfontein.
Boers occupied Spitzkop, near Newcastle.
Kimberley invested by the Boers.
Boers occupied Newcastle.

SUNDAY, OCT. 15—
Boers repulsed at Spruitfontein.
Vryburg occupied by the Boers.
Boers repulsed near Mafeking.

MONDAY, OCT. 16—
Boers advance on Glencoe.
Boer repulse at Mafeking reported.
Boers invade Rhodesia.

TUESDAY, OCT. 17—
Armored train repulses Boers near Kimberley.
Desultory outpost skirmishes near Glencoe.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 18—
Engagement at Acton Holmes and Leicester, in Natal.

THURSDAY, OCT. 19—
Boers blow up bridges at Fourteen Streams and Modder River.
Natal Carbineers and Border Mounted Rifles engage the Boers near Ladysmith.

FRIDAY, OCT. 20—
Battle of Talana Hill (Glencoe)—Boers defeated.

SATURDAY, OCT. 21—
Battle of Elandsburg—Boers defeated.
Engagement near Mafeking—British successful.
Outposts at Glencoe engaged.
Armored train engages the Boers near Kimberley.

TUESDAY, OCT. 24—
British artillery engages the Boers on Newcastle road.
Bombardment of Mafeking began.
Col. Turner defeats the Boers near Kimberley.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 25—
Gen. White disperses the Boers at Rietfontein.
Gen. Symons died from his wound.

THURSDAY, OCT. 26—
Gen. Buller effected a junction with Gen. White.

FRIDAY, OCT. 27—
Brilliant and successful sortie from Mafeking.

MONDAY, OCT. 30—
Gen. White has indecisive engagement at Ladysmith.
Surrounders of Royal Irish Fusiliers, the Gloucestershire Regiment and a mountain battery to the Boers.

THURSDAY, NOV. 2—
Gen. White defeats Orange Free State forces at Bester's Hill.
A Boer force enters Cape Colony at Bethulie.
Colenso evacuated by the British, who retire to Estcourt.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3—
British defeated the Boers in an engagement near Ladysmith.
Heavy Boer losses reported.

TUESDAY, NOV. 14—
Gen. White made a successful sortie and drove Boer guns from position.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 15—
Armored train affair near Estcourt.

THURSDAY, NOV. 23—
Gen. Methuen defeated the Boers and retook Belmont.

SATURDAY NOV. 25—
Gen. Methuen defeated the Boers at Graspan.

MONDAY, NOV. 27—
Gen. Methuen captured Honingrest Kloof.
Gen. Buller orders advance from Estcourt.

TUESDAY, NOV. 28—
Gen. Methuen engages Boers at Modder River, and drives the enemy from position after ten hours' fighting. Methuen wounded.

Successful sortie from Kimberley. Col. Scott-Turner killed.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 29—
Canadian Regiment arrived at the Cape.

SATURDAY, DEC. 2—
Hottest bombardment of Ladysmith.

SUNDAY, DEC. 3—
Night sortie from Ladysmith and destruction of Boer artillery.

THURSDAY, DEC. 7—
Canadian Regiment arrives at De Aar.

FRIDAY, DEC. 8—
Modder bridge restored.

SATURDAY, DEC. 9—
Gatacre repulsed at Stormberg. Loss 600, chiefly missing.

MONDAY, DEC. 11—
Tugela bridge restored.

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Everything points to good times in Victoria next year. The Northern trade is growing and will continue to grow. The West Coast will become more important than ever; and we entertain a pretty well-grounded hope that railway extension to the north end of the Island may shortly be in progress.

The reference in these columns to the Fifth Regiment band has elicited considerable favorable comment. Most people did not appreciate the circumstances under which that excellent musical organization is kept together, and we have heard the suggestion that after New Year's steps ought to be taken by the citizens to give the band some token in acknowledgment of its valuable services. The best shape such a thing could take would be a substantial contribution to the funds of the band.

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Expensive Fish.—The importation of fish from the American side having increased very materially of late, Collector Milne has been moved to make an example of one fisherman-importer, the owner of the sloop St. Nicholas being fined \$20 for bringing in a cargo purchased at San Juan.

Will Go South Shortly.—Peter Jackson, the one time king of the prize ring, is now resting and quietly recuperating at the Colonist hotel, Beacon Hill park. He is still feeling the effects of his recent battle with pneumonia and typhoid in conjunction, and will not be in fit condition for ring work for some months more. It is big Peter's intention to leave shortly, either for Southern California or his old home, Australia.

Fewer Applicants.—Gossip and guesses with reference to the appointment of a new chief of police have both been wrong in classing Mr. J. B. McKillop as one of the applicants, this gentleman intimating that he has neither applied for nor at any time desired the office. Mr. John Macmillan also contradicts those friends of his who have stated that he is in line for the chiefship, and declares that he will not apply for the vacant office.

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Disordered Wires.—The working of the fire alarm system not yet being satisfactory, Chief Deputy has one of the men of his department engaged all yesterday in locating the trouble, and particularly correcting it. He has recommended to the council, through the fire wardens, that one of the department staff be assigned permanently to the care of the alarm system, in order that it may be relied upon at all times. To-night the department will give the system a practical test in connection with the usual weekly drill.

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To Meet This Afternoon.—A meeting of the directors of the newly formed company which proposes going into the fish business on a large scale will be held this afternoon at the office of Beaumont Boggs, Fort street.

The Case Dismissed.—The information against a Cormorant street Chinaman for violation of the sanitary by-law, which had been adjourned until yesterday, was then dismissed, the defendant having abated the cause of complaint.

Pacific Muscle.—The following from the Woodstock, Ont., Express, an account of a Rugby game between the Woodstock and London colleges, tends to show that Harry Dier, of this city, is making an athletic record for himself at Woodstock: "Dier as back cannot be duplicated west of Toronto. Some of his charges were sensational."

Adverse to Sailing.—Eliza Churchill, a member of the just sailed crew of the schooner Arietas, having expressed a determination not to adhere to the agreement of the articles, was brought before the police magistrate yesterday, charged with refusing duty. He was accordingly found guilty, and committed to gaol, pending the sailing of the schooner. Churchill still maintains that he will drown himself in preference to going to sea.

A Substantial Benefit.—As a result of the recent concert at Institute hall, a sum of \$91 has been handed over to the management of the Roman Catholic Boys' Orphanage, for whose benefit the entertainment was given. The Protestant Orphanage has also received during the past day, or two, a contribution of \$125, this being from Miriam Robekah Lodge, I.O.O.F., of Nanaimo, in accordance with their very kindly annual custom.

Chinese Choose Officers.—The Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association have chosen officers for the new year as follows: Long Tai, of Tai Soong & Co., president and treasurer; Chin Wai, of Yuen Lung, vice-president; Wong Kiu Ming, secretary; committee—Lee Woy, Tai Yuen & Co.; Chin Hung Fook, On Hing & Bros.; Lim Fat, Gim Fook Yuen; Lee Dye, of Wah Yuen & Co.; Wong Jan Wai, of Chong Lung & Co.; Jack Sui Woon, of Sing Lee & Co.; Lee When, of Quong Man Fung & Co.; Chin Hong Yuen, of Yung Chong Lung & Co.; Mar Art of Don Yuk Tong & Co., and Soto Chun Shek, of Quon Yick & Co.

Prevalent Patriotism.—Local patriotism aroused over the war in the Transvaal is very much in evidence these days, as is indicated by a glance at the shop windows. Battle scenes and heroic deeds immortalized by the war artist are displayed by many of the booksellers, and there is always a little knot of people gathered about "killing Paul Kruger with their mouths." One enterprising clothier is showing a line of boys' helmets, fashioned after the style of those in use by the "regulars," also beautiful plates of armor, to imitate the uniforms of the British soldier. This window, of course, has many youthful admirers.

To-day's Sales of Work.—Two sales of work are listed for this afternoon—the one at Temperance hall, Pandora street, and the other at Temple's hall, Victoria West. The members of the perseverance league, led by J. O. G. T. have charge of the sale at Temperance hall, and have made complete arrangements for a successful bazaar. Booths, cosy corners and retreats have been erected and gaily decorated, almost transforming the hall into a mimic fairland. The lady members of the lodge will have charge of the various departments, and at 6 o'clock supper will be served, to be followed at 8 by concert, the arrangements for which are in the hands of Mr. J. G. Brown. The sale at Temple's hall is under the auspices and direction of the ladies of Holy Saviour's and is their annual Christmas sale.

Victoria Gets the Work.—D. F. Adams has secured the contract from the provincial government for the construction of the new bridge to be built over Courtenay river. The structure will be 222 feet in length and on the Howe truss plan. There will be one big span 162 feet in length; one king span 40 feet in length, and the remaining portion trestle work. The contract price of the new bridge is understood to be in the neighborhood of \$55,000, and it is expected that it will be completed and ready for traffic by the beginning of March. Mr. Adams has been up at the site of the bridge and put men to work getting out piles. The heavy framework will be constructed at Mr. Adams' mill, Rock Bay. John Robertson, of the Store street iron works, has secured the contract for the iron work to be used in the new structure, and also for the new bridge to be constructed by the government at Revelstoke. Mr. Robertson reports business exceedingly brisk in his line, being crowded with orders for iron work to be used in connection with the several large buildings under way or about to be constructed in Victoria.

All the tourists stay at the International Hotel, 40 Johnson street.

"Brown In Town."—The new farce, "Brown In Town," which is the attraction at the Victoria theatre to-night, is said to be one of the brightest and cleverest comedies on the stage. The company is a very capable one and the piece deals with the troubles of Dick and Letty Preston, two young people who have been secretly married and who are trying to conceal their marriage from Dick's father. The old gentleman has a decided aversion to marriage, probably as Dick says, "because he has been here himself" and has vowed that if Dick does marry before reaching the age of 25 he will cut him off without a cent. Dick and Letty have taken a cottage at Brighton and are living an ideal life amid honeysuckles, hens and inquisitive neighbors, and of course the old gentleman turns up. Dick is living under the name of Brown at the cottage and the older Preston takes a friend of Dick's for Brown and Letty for Mrs. Brown. On his arrival Dick has arranged with Suzanne Dano, a friend of Letty's to act as Mrs. Brown. This eventually leads to the discovery by the old gentleman that there are two Mrs. Browns and the contradictory explanations that the young people give for the unusual number of wives on the part of the imaginary Brown keep Preston senior in a whirl of excitement for three interesting acts.

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Not for a minute. The horse is still very much on duty, and will be as long as the present generations are here to drive behind him, or enjoy a dash through the country, over fields and fences occasionally, where neither bike nor automobile would dare to follow.

Which preliminary remarks serve to lead up to the announcement that with a determination to have, not only the best horses in the city for the use of the public, but also the very best home for these horses, Mr. Richard Bray has recently taken possession of new and thoroughly first-class premises on Johnson street, almost directly opposite his old established stand.

The new stables were originally the Leahy brewery property, and with basement, ground and second-story floors, place upwards of 18,000 square feet of space at the proprietor's disposal. The building is of brick throughout—the only all-brick public stable in the city—and the admirably drained basement alone contains accommodation for about fifty horses, with private box-stalls for fifteen more.

The carriage house and easy office are on the ground floor of course; while above are the neat and comfortable sleeping quarters for the stable staff, and the grain and hay storehouses. Special attention has been paid to the perfection of drainage, ventilation and lighting, each having been considered and provided for by an expert in the line. The position of the stable is central, and "boarders" will be assured the acme of equine comfort, combined with the best attention. In the livery and hack departments, with equipages and horses second to none, Mr. Bray will of course continue to add to his already large share of public patronage in these lines.

EVANGELISTS AT BARRACKS.

Old-Fashioned Revival Meetings at Salvationists' Headquarters All This Week.

Commencing on Saturday evening last, Rev. Isaac Naylor is conducting a series of revival meetings under the auspices of the Salvation Army and in the Army barracks on Broad street. These services will extend over a period of ten days and will be marked by bright music each week. This evening a lecture, entitled "Grandfather's Clock," will be given. Then on Sunday next, after continuing a week's campaign in the barracks, special services will be held in the A.O.U.W. hall at 3 and 7:30 o'clock. Mr. Naylor speaking in the afternoon on "A Trumpet Call to Action" and in the evening on "The Great Election, or For Whom Should You Vote?" Such papers as the Philadelphia Ledger and the New York World speak of Mr. Naylor in highest terms. The World says: "In the manner of his speaking, Mr. Naylor resembles in a remarkable degree the late Phillips Brooks. His sentences are sharp and clear cut, and he rolls them forth with wonderful rapidity and clearness. His gestures are frequent and acrobatic. He frequently changes the pitch of his voice to a high shrill tone that would wake any sleepers in back seats. After his first words his hearers seemed to close themselves up, but as he works them into his theme he gathered them into the hollow of his hand and swayed them as he wished. As he neared the close of his address a remarkable hush descended upon the hall. He closed his peroration with a verse of a well-known hymn. As he started to repeat it the congregation began to sing. Women shouted and men clapped their hands. Several times the speaker tried to continue, but his voice was drowned in the tumult. It was full five minutes before he could proceed, and even then his hearers were eager and excited and when he closed they repeated the singing which occurred during his address."

Jubilee Hospital.—A meeting of the directors of the Jubilee hospital will be held Thursday evening.

Advent Readings.—Bishop Perrin is announced to hold the second of his Advent Bible readings in Christ Church this afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Law Examinations.—The regular examinations of the Law Society are again in progress, having commenced yesterday morning in the Pull Court room. Nineteen candidates in all are under examination, of whom eleven are Eastern Canadian barristers and solicitors anxious to transfer practice to this province.

Famous Dogs.—Rev. J. W. Flinton, rector of St. Luke's church, Cedar Hill, has just received a telegram stating that another of his prize dog terms has been first honors in the big California show recently held at Oakland. The dog exhibited was given by Mr. Flinton to G. G. M. E. d'Aguiar, consul for the Netherlands at San Francisco. In the message Mr. Flinton received it says: "Wanderer, first novice, first special, open, Oakland."

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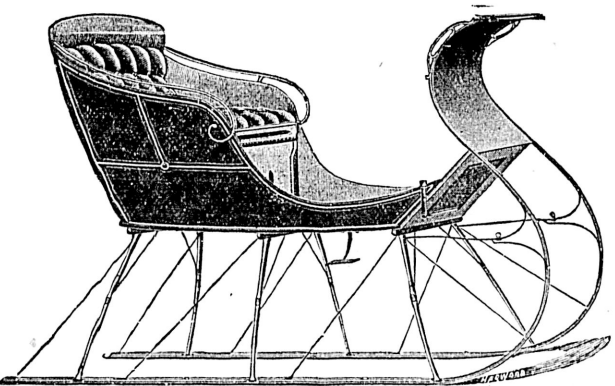
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THE COUNCIL OF WOMEN.

Proceedings at the Annual Meeting—
Report of the President.

The fifth annual meeting of the Local Council of Women of Victoria and Vancouver Island was held yesterday at the city hall, when officers were chosen for the ensuing year as follows: President, Miss Perrin (re-elected); vice-presidents, Mrs. McQuade, Mrs. Robson, Miss Lawson, Miss Crease and Mrs. Brett; secretary, Mrs. Gordon Grant; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Galletty; and treasurer, Mrs. William Grant—all save the vice-presidents being honored with re-election by acclamation.

In the absence of the president from the city and province, Mrs. Gordon Grant made a tactful and efficient chairwoman; and at the morning session discussion took place upon the suggested special meeting for next summer to meet the founder of the council, the Countess of Aberdeen, who has recently signified her continued interest in the work of the organization through the presentation of a large and handsomely framed photograph of herself which will adorn the council's meeting place. The summer session was decided upon for early July, probably during the first week of that month.

The remainder of the morning session was given to consideration of the annual report of the president, which reads as follows:

THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

To the President, Officers and Members of the Council of Women of Victoria and Vancouver Island, and Delegates of the Affiliated Societies:

Ladies:—Owing to my unavoidable absence from your annual meeting this year, it is not my intention to attempt an address, and, indeed, I am glad to be relieved of the responsibility, remembering, as I do, the very high standard of presidents' addresses to which this council has been accustomed, and to which it would be impertinence on my part to imagine I could aspire. Until this year I have always thought that a president's remarks should not come first on the programme: Mrs. Baker's address was too often arrived, and amidst the moving about, always unavoidable until a meeting has set itself to business, and those addresses were always so helpful and uplifting and inspiring. But this year the summary of the year's work remains for me to touch on one or two outside points of particular interest.

This year will be a memorable one in the annals of council work, because of the wonderful gathering of women from all parts of the world in London last June. We in Canada were essentially interested, as we have loved president of the National Council of Women, and at the same time the International Council, and at the same time agree in praising Lady Aberdeen's power and skill as a leader and director of the proceedings.

Of the good arising from such gatherings, in the abstract, there can be but one opinion, but it may be considered, whether too much was not attempted in the short time to make the results sufficient. In future it may be found wiser to discuss strictly international questions and works, without allowing so much time to be spent on subjects that come into every yearly gathering of women workers. And, again, it seemed unwise to allow so many speakers and such long addresses; perhaps it might be found possible, after carefully selecting certain international subjects, to appoint two or three speakers for each, who shall be asked to consider them for a long time beforehand, from all possible standpoints of the nations represented. But it is not my work to dictate to the International Congress, and, doubtless, in five years' time, our sisters across the border will have mapped out an entirely new place of work.

To come next to the National Council: I am sure we must all feel that we have grown in importance since our invitation for so many years has been accepted, and next year, probably in September, we shall be called upon to welcome and entertain the executive and delegates of the National Council of Women of Canada, which hope and trust will include the newly made advisory life president, Lady Aberdeen.

There will be much preparatory work needed to ensure a successful gathering, but I feel quite sure we shall all do our best to make the meeting a time of profit and enjoyment to all who shall take part. I hope I may be of some little use in making arrangements, by interviewing Lady Aberdeen and Miss Wilson, whose experience in formal annual meetings will be to us of great service.

Looking back over the work of the past year, our own local council, it seems to have been an absence of excitement and of any great achievement, although the reports are decidedly not lacking in signs of activity and progress. It is satisfactory to feel that it has kept together as an organization ready for work, even when not called upon to do any great thing. To my visionary view of the usefulness of a local council, I see that if it is to be really alive it must form committees on every work it may be asked to take up, committees not in name only, but committees willing to work, who shall be able to have when necessary the council and help of the whole executive. As a chain is only as strong as its weakest link, so any organization that carries on its work by means of the few, and does not make all its members work, is weak, and is really wasting much possible power, and is also making the "many" feel that they are of no use.

The theory is an international council composed of representatives of the executive and local councils, in turn composed of presidents of local councils, with their executives composed of representatives of each affiliated society. This theory is right, but only of real use if every member of an affiliated society is made to feel that through their own individual president they are doing something to help build up and carry on the work of the council in their own place. Union is strength, if individuals can be made to feel their union, and this can never be accomplished if the work is left to the few and there is no lack of people willing to do their share if only they knew how to begin—they are timid and shy, and distrust and underestimate their own powers, but often possess hidden talents and capabilities which, if brought into use, would be most valuable. If only presidents and officers of societies would feel these out, and not take the first refusal as final, but be willing to instruct them, and help them to develop the powers that in greater or lesser degree are given to everyone, how the list of workers would be increased!

But just now it comes home to me so very plainly, when I am for a time relinquishing my share of work in many organizations in this place: I feel there must be so many here that would only be too glad to take up work, who cannot do it well. If only they were asked; several times I have received letters from people after they have left Victoria saying how gladly they would have worked, but "there seemed nothing for them to do." And it is for us to see a little of the needs and possibilities of serving others to use every opportunity of interesting outsiders, and securing their co-operation and help.

May I close these few remarks with an apology for thus deserting my post, only reminding the ladies present, that the former president of this council acted in a similar manner, and I could not hope or expect to do greater things than Mrs. Baker, to whose presidency we all look back with so much pleasure and gratitude. I shelter myself behind her example, and hope that before long I may have the opportunity of meeting Mrs. Baker, when a "council talk" will most cheerfully form an item on the programme. Also, may I assure the members of the executive that if I meet Mrs. Scatchell in England I shall talk to her most cordially about her long expected and long-delayed report, and I shall also tell her that the only way she can atone for her neglect is by promising to pay us a visit next September.

So, "absent in body, but present in spirit," may I wish every success to this annual meeting of the local council, assuring the lady who has so kindly consented to take my place, and all present, that I shall be thinking of them as these words are read. To some perhaps it may seem strange that I should go two weeks before the meeting, but the claims of a friendship of eighteen years cannot be ignored, and it had not left when I did the primary object of my visit would have been lost.

May I ask that every member present will remember me, as I shall be travelling at the time of the meeting across the Atlantic, with a prayer that I may be brought in safely to the land, and if it be according to the will of God that I may be allowed again to work with my many friends in Victoria in the coming year.

F. C. PERRIN.

President.

November, 1899.

In the afternoon two important resolutions were brought forward upon recommendation from the executive, and unanimously adopted as follows:

"Whereas there are many children in this province who are shamefully neglected and badly and cruelly treated because their parents do not realize their responsibility, therefore be it resolved, that the Local Council of Women do petition the legislature to pass a law similar to that now in force in the province of Ontario, known as 'The Children's Protection Act.'"

"Whereas those in the province who take up the profession of teaching have neither the advantage of a normal school training, or a university education, which means a certain loss of power and success in their work, and places them at a disadvantage with other teachers outside the province, therefore be it resolved that this Council of Women appoint a committee to ascertain from the minister of education whether it is possible to establish a course of normal training for those wishing to teach in this province."

Miss Agnes Deans (Cameron and Mrs. Hayward) were named as a special committee to wait upon the government in the latter matter, with power to add to their number, if desired; and reports were then taken up dealing with the work and progress of the just-closed year. Miss Cox presented an admirable summary of the proceedings of the National Council of Women at Toronto, which Miss Perrin contributed a very well studied and helpfully analytical paper on "Individual Responsibility," and the majority of the affiliated societies reported upon their work and success during the past twelvemonth, chief among these reports being one by Miss Cameron upon the accomplishments of the S. P. C. A.

Addresses were subsequently given by the Bishop of Columbia, Mrs. Dr. Cleland and Rev. Dr. Wilson, the meeting closing with the singing of the national anthem.

A CHRISTMAS CONTRIBUTION.

A Difference of Opinion Politically Results in Advantage to the Orphanage.

The president of the British Columbia Protestant Orphans' Home acknowledges with thanks the receipt of fifty dollars in aid of the above institution from Mr. C. E. Jones, accompanied by the following letter:

Victoria, B.C., 11th Dec. 1899.
Chas. Hayward, Esq., Pres. Protestant Orphans' Home, Victoria, B.C.:

Dear Sir: I herewith enclose fifty dollars, the result of a bet between myself and Mr. J. C. Morgan, the general manager of the New York Life Insurance Co. for Western Canada. The said amount was by mutual agreement to be placed by the winner at the disposal of the orphanage. Mr. Morgan had pinned his faith on the Liberal government of the Province, and was so certain of their being sustained at the general elections which took place last week that he was willing to back his opinion in a strong financial way. I, on the other hand, was equally certain that the electors of that progressive province had grown tired of the Green-ways of the above-alluded to government. My opinion seems to have hit the mark; the turn-over of the reckless children of the wild and woolly prairie was complete, and I am glad that nothing is left to be done by the shutting, and from this luxury—so delicate is the vote of the downtrodden and devoted electorate—my friend Mr. Morgan is debarr'd. Yet, though I have the pleasure of handing over Mr. Morgan's money instead of my own to your grand institution, he would state were he here when I said that he would desire to lose his money to no more worthy object of public beneficence than where I am placing it. Being as Mr. Morgan is, the head of the Western branch of one of the most world-renowned of those insurance companies which have—in the words of one of our best known nineteenth century poets—done so much to "make whole those whose hearts bowed necks straight," he would desire no better expenditure of his money than that it should go to alleviate the lot of the poor little ones who through poverty, negligence or the inscrutable will of Providence, have been deprived both of their natural protectors and the hard cash which is necessary to hold one's own in this precarious and not over-scrupulous world. I do not wish to make this communication too long, and will therefore conclude by saying that I am only too glad that a difference of political opinion between two old friends should have been of financial assistance to the orphanage, especially at this most appropriate season. Wishing yourself, Mr. President, and the helpless little ones whose interests you guard so carefully, the compliments of the season, I beg to remain yours very sincerely,

CHAS. E. JONES.

Richard H. Hodson, by Mr. Cassidy—Witnessed work in Union mines eight years, had worked with Chinese and Japs and he found them perfectly safe while working with him. A practical experience was necessary in mining, and he did not think it right to turn men out because they could not read the rules. The Union colliery mines were perfectly safe.

Cross-examined by Mr. Henderson—He knew of no mine that was absolutely safe. Witness then attempted to tell the attorney-General what questions he should ask him and said he did not propose to answer any others. Mr. Henderson refused to further examine the witness.

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LOCAL NEWS.

Port Angeles Project.—The Mayor and aldermen will confer with the promoters of the Port Angeles Eastern railway at a special meeting on Thursday next.

Contributions to the Ball.—Friends of the Fifth Regiment who are donating refreshments for their annual ball on Friday next may leave their donations at the Drill hall and following places: R. H. Johnston, 11 City market; J. M. Hughes, corner of Yates and Blanchard streets, and H. J. Stevenson, 82 Kane street. All meats, poultry, etc., uncooked must be sent to the Drill hall not later than to-morrow (Wednesday).

In Battle Array.—Laupman's "rough-riders" and the Collegiate school team will meet in a grand scrimmage for points on the Burdette avenue grounds to-morrow afternoon. Messrs. P. Victor Austin, G. E. Powell, F. B. Vandergricht and S. H. Matson are in training for the event. They will wear the "rough-riders" uniform and H. D. Helmecken, Q.C.M.P.P., will umpire the game.

Fifth Regiment Ball.—The committee in charge of the Fifth Regiment ball met last evening and completed arrangements for the event to be held on Friday night. It was decided that the relatives of those members of the regiment who have gone to the Transvaal shall receive the three tickets to which the soldier boys would be entitled to if at home. Floors have been laid in the hall for dancing, decorations have been about completed and the committee will have concluded their labors in the way of preparations by today.

Mr. Marchant's Ambition.—While the Victoria appraiser of customs has announced that he sees no reason why a government official should not be an alderman if he can get elected, an incident of the other day at New Westminster shows that the heads of departments have not abandoned the policy of many years standing of forbidding such attempts at dual service. Ald. Peck of Westminster, it seems, is the inspector of stationary boilers, and when offering for re-election this year had intimated to him that the government objected to officials taking so active a part in municipal affairs. In consequence he retired from the contest.

Pain from indigestion, dyspepsia, and too hearty eating, is relieved at once by taking one of Carter's Little Liver Pills immediately after dinner. Don't forget this.

A PRINCE OF STORY TELLERS.

Mr. Owen A. Snully Delights With His Mimicry and Recital.

In the real delight of listening to good stories, well told, or of looking at pictures, youth and maturer age meet on the common plane of genuine enjoyment. The true story-teller is unfortunately a rare avia in very truth; and for this reason, as well as for himself alone, when such an entertainer does present himself, the disposition of mankind, womanhood sitting to his side to hold him—to plead as in childhood's happy days for "just one more story," and just one more again.

It was the application of this principle that lengthened the programme of the Owen A. Snully Company's entertainment at the A. O. U. W. hall last evening, to three times of original recitation, for Mr. Snully is a prince of story-tellers. He has the happy and convenient faculty of taking his audience into confidential fellowship and narrowing the circle to be entertained until the scores or hundreds in that circle forget that it isn't just a sociable little home gathering with one central and controlling master of entertainment.

Mr. Snully's style, too, is original and unique—humorously cynical, and polished when the subject calls for force and emphasis. Humor in both interpretations and general treatment is, however, the dominating feature of his entertainment—and true humor is always certain to please.

Possibly the most popular selections of last evening were the Irvingesque treatment of Major Maestring's recitation, the chapter on various and sundry "proposals"; and the screamingly funny cockney version of how "Bill Atkins" won Waterloo. "The North of England Farmer," evidenced by Mr. Snully's ability to develop rather involved humor, interlarded with character delineation, without degenerating into burlesque; and the true yet blood-curdling story, "The Revenge" was neatly introduced and given with poetic passion and true dramatic vigor.

Assisting Mr. Snully in his clever entertainment were Misses Mildred Walker and Ella Bridgeland, two ladies whose work last evening classed them as fairly acceptable amateurs, the former with a small but beautiful voice that bears evidence of careful education; the latter a contralto who would no doubt give unbounded satisfaction in concerted work, but whose solo efforts are distinctly disappointing to the musical. Encore numbers were, however, the general rule last evening, and neither of the ladies had reason to complain of any lack of cordiality in the reception. The programme as presented was:

Solo for Contralto—

1. "Lullaby".....Tosti

2. "Off in the Still Night".....Moore

Miss Ella Bridgeland.

"The Obliging Witness".....Snully

"Major Maestring's Recitation".....Snully

Mr. Owen A. Snully.

Solo for Soprano—

1. Ave Maria, fr. "Cavalleria Rusticana".....Mascagni

2. "Mary of Argyle".....Miss Mildred Walker.

"The Humors of Music".....Snully

Mr. Owen A. Snully.

Solo for Contralto—

1. "Robin Adair".....Miss Ella Bridgeland.

2. "Kitty Coe".....Miss Ella Bridgeland.

"How to Propose".....Snully

"The Northern Farmer".....Tennyson

Mr. Owen A. Snully.

Solo for Soprano—

1. "Waiting".....Miss Mildred Walker.

2. "Every Rose Must Have Its Thorn".....Miss Mildred Walker.

"The Revenge".....Tennyson

"How Bill Atkins Won Waterloo".....Snully

Mr. Owen Snully.

Vocal Duet—"Nocturne".....Denza

Miss Walker and Miss Bridgeland.

Ensemble Number.....Miss Walker, Miss Strickland and Mr. Owens.

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PERSONAL.

Mrs. J. A. Forin, of Westminster is visiting Victoria friends.

Hon. Justice Martin returned from the Sound by the Utopia yesterday.

Hon. Justice Walkem is back from a judicial visit to the provincial mainland.

H. W. Kent, of the telephone system, came down from the mainland last night.

M. Collinson and wife were among the arrivals from the mainland yesterday evening.

Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper came down from Vancouver by last evening's steamer.

A. McIvor, H. D. Forbes and J. J. McKay are among the Vancouverites who were at the Priard yesterday.

Hon. Alexander Henderson, attorney-general, returned last evening from a flying visit to New Westminster.

Rev. Canon Paddon, Rev. Dr. Campbell and several other well known clergymen were among the passengers by last evening's steamer from the mainland.

Mrs. D. H. Ross, Miss Ross and Miss McPadden, who have made an extended visit with friends in Cambridge Springs, Pa., and Chicago, arrived home yesterday via the Northern Pacific.

WORTHY OF MEDALS.

Men of Clayoquot Who Risked Their Lives to Save Others.

Since the stories have been told of the heroic work done by Constable Frederick Spain and five other residents of Clayoquot in connection with the wreck of the schooner Hera, it has been frequently suggested that some one should draw the attention of the Royal Humane Society to their bravery. All that would be necessary in this event would be, according to one who has gone through the ceremony, for the story to be plainly told and certified as correct by as many eye-witnesses of the deed of heroism as it is possible to secure and then to forward the vouchered documents to the secretary of the society in Hamilton, Ont. As for the Clayoquot incident, a lady correspondent thus graphically describes it, the history, though previously published, being worth repeating:

"About ten o'clock Fred (Mr. Spain, the provincial constable) and several others sighted a three-masted ship at sea flying a flag of distress. They thought she was on a rock, so Fred and five others decided to go out to her, although there was a terrible sea running.

"I think you can imagine betted than I can describe my anxiety, as well as Mrs. Jacobson and Mrs. Broecker's, whose husbands went also. It was very brave act, and they encountered a great deal of danger, and now have the satisfaction of knowing that they saved the lives of six men.

"When they got to the ship after a long, hard pull, they found her to be on fire, and six desperate men ready to jump into the boat as soon as she came near enough. Of course if they had done this the boat would have been swamped and all drowned, and it was only by standing up with axes in hand and calling out that the first man that jumped in would be killed that this was prevented. Then one by one they were safely got on board."

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THE WEATHER.

Meteorological Office,
Victoria, Dec. 11—8 p.m.
SYNOPSIS.
The barometer is rising along the Wash-
ington coast and over this province, and
has fallen over Lower California. Rain
has been general west of the Cascades and
snow is falling in central Oregon and Mon-
tana. A high area still covers the North-
west, where low temperatures continue,
with occasional light snowfalls.
TEMPERATURES.
Min. Max.
Victoria..... 41 47
Nanaimo..... 38 42
Kamloops..... 34 36
Barkerville..... 8 26
Calgary..... 14 16
Winnipeg..... 0 14
Portland, Ore..... 44 48
San Francisco..... 50 56

FORECASTS.
For 24 hours from 5 a.m. (Pacific time)
Tuesday:
Victoria and Vicinity—Moderate to fresh
winds; partly fair, with occasional
sleet or rain.
Lower Mainland—Moderate winds; cloudy,
with occasional rain.

VICTORIA DAILY RECORD.
Report for 24 hours ending 5 p.m. Obser-
vations taken daily at 5 a.m., noon, and 5
p.m.

SUNDAY, Dec. 10.
5 a.m..... 43 Mean..... 43
5 p.m..... 45 Highest..... 46
5 p.m..... 44 Lowest..... 41
The velocity and direction of the wind was
as follows:
5 a.m..... 4 miles southeast.
Noon..... 8 miles east.
5 p.m..... Calm.

Average state of weather—Fair.
Rain—23 inch.
Barometer at noon—Observed..... 29.876
Corrected..... 29.854

MONDAY, Dec. 11.
5 a.m..... 41 Mean..... 41
5 p.m..... 46 Highest..... 47
5 p.m..... 43 Lowest..... 41
The velocity and direction of the wind was
as follows:
5 a.m..... 17 miles southwest.
Noon..... 36 miles southwest.
5 p.m..... 10 miles southwest.

Average state of weather—Showery.
Rain—87 inch.
Sunshine—1 hour and 18 minutes.
Barometer at noon—Observed..... 29.836
Corrected..... 29.827

PASSENGERS.

By steamer Charming from Vancouver:
Hon. A. Henderson, Jas. Cameron,
Sir C. H. Tupper, Mrs. Moller,
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Judge Walkem, J. Pierce,
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Capt. W. C. Baker, Mrs. A. Watson,
E. T. Moran, Rev. Cleveland,
Rev. G. R. Stephenson, W. Morrison,
Rev. Dr. Campbell, A. Fraser,
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W. M. Robinson, A. Main,
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Miss Ross, Mrs. Conlon,
Miss McFadden, E. Johnson,
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Mrs. Matthews, J. H. Puterson,
J. Bremer, Jas. McNabb,
Mrs. Bremer, J. Smeaton,
Judge Martin, R. Ranner,
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WHEN THE FLAG IS UNFURLED.

In the hush of the autumn's red splendor
The flag of the Queen is unfurled.
The roar of the drums that defend her
The width of the world;
And sound of the husbandmen reaping
Thro' fields where the harvest lies white
Is stilled in the hearts that are leaping
To music of fight.

From the outmost edge of her borders
We send her our husbands and sons
To strengthen the ranks of her warriors
And stand by the guns,
That the nations may know that they
rejoice
With words which enfold the world
When the drums of the Empress shall
becken,
Her flag be unfurled.

We lent her our bravest and truest,
Nor count up the cost of the fray.
For the flag of the Empress floats nearest
Of above us all;
And cheeks that are wet with the kisses
Of sweethearts and mothers and wives
Shall flame that their passionate bliss is
To give her their lives.

Though we drink of her wine-cup of sorrow
And share in her chalice of pain
For those of her sons who the morrow
Shall bring not again,
With love we have wedded a thrilling
Steel chain that shall girdle the world
When the drums of the Empress are calling.
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—Lyndwode Pereira.
Ottawa, October 24, 1899.

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Italian Ship Cavour Struck by
Storm and Loses Her
Canvas.

Crew of Lost Libertad to Be
Paid Off in San
Francisco.

Italian ship Cavour, a sister ship to
the Altair which arrived from Callao
on Saturday, anchored in the Roads yester-
day, 37 days from Shanghai. She is
en route to Port Blakeley to load lumber
and will be towed over in a day or two.
The Cavour had a stormy passage. When
eleven days at sea the tail end of a ty-
phoon caught and danced her about, rip-
ping her sails into shreds and playing
havoc with her water tank. Soon
afterwards, four of the crew took sick,
leaving a very limited number of men
for each watch. When the Cavour first
arrived she was mistaken for the Colusa,
out 52 days from Kahlui and for which
much anxiety is felt. But the Colusa,
as well as the overdue schooner Ameri-
can Girl, over 60 days out from San
Francisco for Port Hadlock, has yet to
arrive. Capt. Ewart of the bark Colusa
has his wife with him. The name of the
mate is not known but the other mem-
bers of the crew are as follows: J. Van
Dyk, second mate; Thos. Cassidy, car-
penter; boy; Joseph Legadi, Ventura Gal-
aga, A. Nelson, C. E. Haglin, P. W.
Olson, C. Hansen, A. Anderson, John
Olson. The mate of the American Girl
is also unknown, he having shipped just
before the schooner left port, but the
other members of her crew are: N. S.
Harding, master; James Lynch, second
mate; Larry Sheehan, Alfred Dame,
John Murray, P. J. Malloy, J. Whitley,
Thomas Ward, Martin Murphy, John
Robertson, M. Sorenson, William Pear-
son, Gustav Eggleston, Sali Turner,
Frank Richardson, Thomas Fraser.

THE FALKENBURG SOLD.

Wreck and Cargo Disposed of at a Fairly
High Figure.

The wreck and cargo of the American
barquentine Jane L. Falkenburg were dis-
posed of on Wednesday by auctioneer
William Jones, and found a purchaser in
Mr. E. G. Tilton, representing the Es-
quimalt Marine Railway Co., at a price
of \$1,150. The buyers, it may be noted,
are in an especially favorable position to
utilize both hull and cargo without much
movement of either. Contrary to gen-
eral expectations the sale in order of
the receiver of wrecks, attracted a large
attendance of bidders, and competition
for a time was spirited. Captain Otto
Buckholz started the bidding with an
offer of \$200, and the offers mounted
quickly by \$50 steps. Captains Meyers,
Langley, Hunter and Heister, Mr. Kirby
of the A. P. Co., Mr. Walter Morris and
others taking part. At \$700 this compe-
tition dropped out, leaving the bidding
to the two real candidates, the Marine
Railway Co.'s representative and two
American gentlemen who are believed to
have been interested with the owners.
All sorts of projects are said to have
been entertained by the more modest
bidders.

One party proposed towing the wreck
and lumber to Cape Nome and then
selling out; while another thought of
taking it to the Skeena as a speculation.

STEAMER BOSCHOWITZ ARRIVES.

Queen Charlotte Oil Works—An Indian
Retail Liquor Dealer.

The Boschowitz arrived yesterday from
the Fraser, after calls at Nanaimo and
Vancouver, en route from Northern
British Columbia ports. She had been
across to the Queen Charlotte Islands,
and brings the news from there of the
removal of the store of the Clew Oil
Works to Skidegate, where the com-
pany will establish another refinery.
Among the passengers down was Pro-
vincial Constable Wollacott, of Alert
Bay, with an Indian prisoner in charge
who has been sentenced to six months
for selling liquor to his brother natives.

WILL BE PAID OFF.

Crew of the Lost Libertad Will Proceed
to San Francisco From Here.

By the next direct steamer leaving here
for San Francisco the captain and crew
of the lost Peruvian bark Libertad will
take passage. The captain, mate and
second mate, who were to have been
last week to have an interview with the
Peruvian consul, have returned to Vic-
toria. The captain, who when he first
landed here could not speak a word of
English, now understands considerable of
the language of the country. He said
last evening that the crew would be paid
off in San Francisco and they then re-
turn home to stay in California, as they
please. The old colored cook, however, is
not to be so generously treated, as he has
already been turned out among strangers
with little or no means of support. Thus
it is that the flag of other nations is
sometimes "respected" at sea, for had
the old man been shipwrecked in a
British bottom his case would be con-
sidered as well as that of the others of
the crew.

WATER FRONT BREVITIES.

Notes of Interest Respecting Local Ship-
ping—Vessels to Arrive and Sail.

Steamer Tees sails for Skagway on De-
cember 13.

Steamer Willapa is due from Northern
British Columbia ports.

Steamer Umatilla is due from San
Francisco on December 14.

Steamer Queen City sails for West
Coast points this evening.

R. M. S. Aorangi left Brisbane en
route to Victoria on December 8.

Steamer Boschowitz sails for Northern
British Columbia ports this evening.

Steamer Idzumi Maru is due from
China and Japan on the 20th instant.

Steamer Warrimoo sails for Honolulu
and Australian ports on December 15.

Steamer Cottage City sails for Alas-
kan ports to-day, having been delayed
on the Sound. Among her passengers will
be H. Sylvester and W. S. Gombos.

Steamer Utopia is scheduled to arrive
at Brackman & Ker's wharf at 10 o'clock
this morning, and to sail one hour later
from the inner harbor. It is expected
that the Victorian will resume service on
Thursday morning.

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healthy. Especially beneficial to those who
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Letters to the Editor.

BATTLES OF THIS WAR.

Sir: I wonder whether many of your
readers have observed the remarkable
similarity in all our battles with the
Boers. The usual artillery duel to begin
with proves that they can handle their
guns with well nigh the same skill and
courage as our own men, but then comes
the infantry assault. Of almost every
position the position, well selected by
the Boers, we carry by hard fighting and
at great cost, the Boers always well
under cover and in comparative safety.
Then comes the final bayonet charge,
which the Boers do not attempt to face,
but mount their horses and ride away, to
repeat the same tactics on the next occa-
sion. With sufficient caution the Boers
would be captured, the slaughter would
be tremendous and our victory complete,
but without them it is almost barren,
while the loss of men on our side is cruel
to contemplate.

GEORGE CROKER FOX.
Esquimalt, Dec. 9, 1899.

SAN JUAN TELEGRAPH TRAIL.

Sir: In calling attention to the defi-
ciency of the telegraph trail between
Cape Beale and Victoria, it was not my
intention to reproach either the operators
or the linemen employed on that line,
who at best have a hard time of it, but
to urge the necessity of the Dominion
and local governments uniting in run-
ning a trail sufficient for foot traffic
along that line, in order that the tele-
graph may be repaired quickly, especially
during the winter months. This would
also facilitate communication along the
coast for prospectors and others, who
now have to trust to the uncertainty of
a weekly steamer. I can quote numer-
ous instances where great risk and heavy
loss have been occasioned by the present
disgraceful state of things. I fail to see
how Mr. Christie can call for sugges-
tions impractical when he adopts the
greater part of them himself. As an
operator he can scarcely be aware of the
condition of things generally up the
coast, except that he acknowledges the
line has been down since the 18th of
last month.

I would esteem it a favor if you will
print the enclosed petition, which is kept
for signature at the Seamen's Institute,
Store street. A post card sent with
name will be sufficient for signature.

W. G. H. ELLISON.
Harbor Chaplain.

PETITION TO THE LOCAL GOV- ERNMENT.

We, the undersigned residents, pros-
pectors, merchants and settlers of the
West Coast of Vancouver Island, urgent-
ly request the local government to com-
municate with the Dominion govern-
ment, with the object of obtaining a
grant to improve the existing telegraph
trail between Sheringham Point, Jordan
River, San Juan, to Alberni. The cost
of clearing a four-foot trail, bridging the
streams and gullies for foot traffic is be-
tween the means of local funds. The fre-
quent shipwrecks on the West Coast, the
increasing traffic, both by sea and land,
call for an early consideration from both
governments of the need for such a road,
which once made can be kept up and
improved as occasion may require, from
annual grants made by the local govern-
ment.

THE COLONIST'S ABODES.

Sir: In reading your article on "Colo-
nist Anniversary" I observed an error
in regard to the first building on Gov-
ernment street occupied by that paper.
You state that "The occupation of pre-
mises on Government street first were,
Hall, Goepel & Co., officer now are,"
which is not correct. The premises first
occupied by the Colonist on Government
street were in the building now occupied
by A. W. More & Co., with the portion
sold to the Bank of Montreal. When
Harries & Co. bought the Colonist they
moved it to Langley street into the build-
ing now occupied by H. Cuthbert and
Dumbleton & Anderson, which was erect-
ed especially for that paper. It re-
mained on Langley street until sold to
Higgins & Co., who moved it to the
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Mr. Deans' Contribution in Verse for the
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To the Editor: I beg to enclose a copy
of an original poem, which would have
been read by the bard at the last dinner
of the St. Andrew's & Caledonian
Society, but having been prevented by
the inclemency of the weather from at-
tending, he sent me the poem instead,
accompanied by a letter from which I
make the following extract: "Looking
round for a subject, I happened to pick
up a letter from a niece in Edinburgh,
telling me that although the scenes of
my childhood are changed and many of
my old friends are gone, I ought to come
home, if it was for no more than to
spend a while among the heather and
get a breath of our old Scottish air."
The name of it is "Had I but as Day
'Mongst the Heather," as you will see
at the top. The places mentioned are
all near Haddington, where the bard was
born.

H. DALLAS HELMCKEN,
President St. Andrew's & Caledonian
Society.

HAD I BUT AE DAY 'MONGST
THE HEATHER.

Had I but ae day 'mongst the heather!
Ae breath of our old Scottish air,
At the time when the sunnier weather
Maks a' thing look bithesome and fair!

Had I but ae day on the mountains,
The breath of the flowers to inhale;
And ae drink frae the clear, calder fountains,
Which murmur along in the vale!

Had I but one hour in the glomins',
Where the birds sang sae sweet in the
glen;
Where Maggie and I aft were roamin',
Ower mony bright place which I ken!

Changed are the scenes of my childhood;
Gane are the friends of my youth,
Never mair shall we range thro' the wild-
wood;
Never mair shall be stockin our drouth

At the well near the brig ower Tyne river,
Where it turns the big wheel o' the mill.
Though these days they have left me for-
ever,
They are fresh in my memory still.

While I attentively wish I could see them,
On these days ower again,
A' the friends of my youth, he w'd them,
At my auld father's house on the plain.

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PRESS OPINION.

A KICK FROM NANAIMO.

The condition of the public roads in
South Nanaimo more especially, is a dis-
grace to the government. When the Tur-
ner government was in power the roads at
all seasons of the year were kept in a con-
dition which excited the praise and admir-
ation of all those who travel over them.
Now, with a negligently, imbecile don't-care
government in power, the roads are left to
shift for themselves.—Wellington Enter-
prise.

BRITAIN'S TOUGH JOE.

Unless the Boers make some egregious
strategic blunder—which they are less like-
ly to do than the British—the invading
army has a task out out for it that will tax
its utmost ingenuity to master. It would
not be in the least surprising if the war
office were compelled to send another army
corps to South Africa before Gen. Buller
dies in Pretoria.—Toronto World.

A WONDERFUL ESCAPE.

The Dutch have been plotting and con-
spiring for years to undermine the British
supremacy—they have been availing the col-
onial Boers and arming them. In two
years from now there was to have been a
general insurrection through South Africa,
the British slaughtered, etc., but Milner
has been too much for them, and has
forced them to move before the right time.
There is such strong evidence against lead-
ing men here as will prove their role as
soon as things are settled. There was deep
meaning in the change of the name Trans-
vaal to "South African Republic," and in
the choosing of the vier kleur (four-color)
flag. Our escape has really been wonder-
ful.—London Graphic.

BRAVO, MANITOBA!

Manitoba has done nobly. Such a com-
plete turnover was totally unexpected. It
sounds the knell of Grit domination and the
Grit "machine" all over Canada. Every
effort was made by the moribund Greenway
government to regain by the application of
electroengineering tactics the vote which its
record had lost. Cabinet ministers stump-
ed the country and the hired thugs of the
Ontario Government came out of their holes
to help where specious arguments could not
avail. But it was all in vain. Manitoba
declared against the machine and for a
business government and the Laurier gov-
ernment will have no difficulty in picking
out the meaning of the inscription which
she has left gleaming on the political wall.
—Revelstoke Herald.

SEMLIN'S BLUNDER.

If it should happen that the extension of
the Columbia & Western railway be car-
ried south of Penticton to Spence's Bridge,
instead of connecting with Okanagan lake,
and thus side-tracking this city, the public
will not fail to place the blame where it
belongs—upon the shoulders of the Semlin
government. The Turner administration
had a contract signed providing for the
completion of the road to Penticton, which
agreement was promptly cancelled by the
new government as soon as it came into
power. This is something that will not
soon be forgotten or forgiven in this dis-
trict.—Vernon News.

TIME FOR A CHANGE.

As the electors are afforded an opportu-
nity of comparing the works of the late gov-
ernment with those of the present out-
let, the feeling becomes more firmly rooted that
it is indeed time for a change. Apart from
the federal party aspect of the political
situation, which is the subject of animated
discussion at Victoria, the next election in
British Columbia may once more resolve
itself into a question of confidence in men.
The blundering of the present government
has wrought untold injury to the province,
which will take years to efface. What is
wanted more than anything else now is
men—men who will conduct the affairs of
British Columbia on business principles.
Some believe that the Conservatives can
accomplish that as a party, while there are
others who believe that it would be to the
best interests of the province to conduct
our legislative affairs independent of federal
party lines. One thing is certain, Mr.
Turner never had a stronger hold on the
people than he has at the present time.
The wisdom of his policy is becoming more
manifest.—Nelson Economist.

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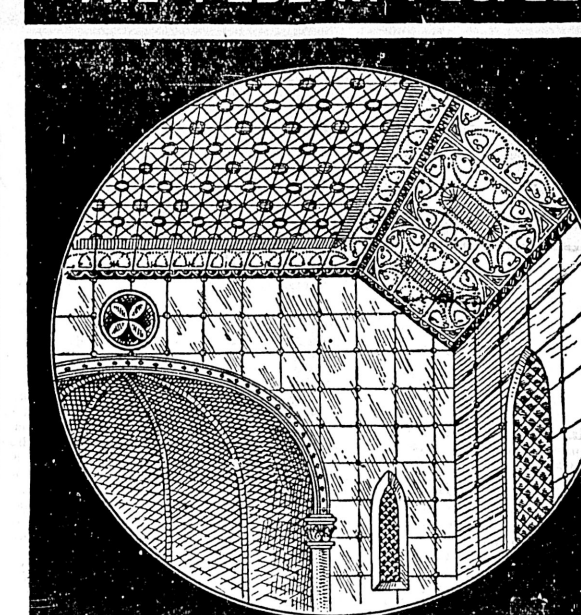
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